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SUBJECT ! LOCALE FOR SALT

REF: A. STATE 146718 B. STATE 143534 C. HELSINKI 1223

PARALLEL APPROACHES WOULD BE MADE TO FINNS TODAY.

2. ACCORDINGLY AT 11:45 A.M. DCM CALLED ON SECRETARY GENERAL TOTTERMAN AND INFORMED HIM OF POINTS IN REFTEL B. ALSO GAVE HIM COPY OF DRAFT U.S. RELEASE. JUST BEFORE CALL, EMBASSY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER HAD BEEN QUERIED BY CAWEN OF FOREIGN MINISTRY ABOUT SWISS RADIO REPORT, BUT FORTUNATELY NEWS HAD NOT YET REACHED TOTTERMAN.

TOTTERMAN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AT BEING INFORMED.

AND ALSO GRATIFICATION THAT MOVE WAS BEING MADE FOR

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL REASONS. RATHER THAN

BECAUSE OF ANY DISSATISFACTION WITH FINNISH ARRANGEMENTS.

WE REITERATED OUR COMPLETE SATISFACTION WITH AND

APPRECIATION FOR THE EXCELLENT SUPPORT ALWAYS PROVIDED

BY FINNS.

4. WE ASSUME THERE WILL IN DUE COURSE BE SOME MORE FORMAL EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION TO FINNISH GOVERNMENT

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AND CITY OF HELSINKI FOR THEIR SALT SUPPORT. THEY SPARED NO EFFORT OR EXPENSE TO PROVIDE OUR DELEGATION WITH FACILITIES, ARRANGEMENTS, AND HOSPITALITY, WHICH WERE FIRST-CLASS IN EVERY RESPECT. WE SUGGEST A MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM PRESIDENT NIXON OR THE SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT KEKKONEN BE CONSIDERED.

5. EMBASSY STILL AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS ON LEASE (REFTEL C).PETERSON BT #1247